

arranged adjacent to one another in the axial direction on said outer surface facing the first part; and

the space-maintainer further comprises a stopping part that cooperates with the grid structure.--

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10. The space-maintainer according to Claim 8, wherein the toothed wheel is mounted in the sleeve-shaped first part.

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11. The space-maintainer according to Claim 10, wherein the second part further comprises an outer surface and a grid section, extending in the axial direction, the grid section comprising a grid structure consisting of a plurality of indentations arranged adjacent to one another in the axial direction on said outer surface facing the first part; and

the space-maintainer further comprises a stopping part that cooperates with the grid structure.

REMARKS

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

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